

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

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AMENDMENTS to the CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application is provided below.

Claims 1 - 15 (Cancelled)

16. (Previously amended) An apparatus comprising:

a storage device; and

a processor connected to the storage device,

the storage device storing

a program for controlling the processor; and

the processor operative with the program to:

receive a plurality of rounding codes, each rounding code having a corresponding rounding multiple and fixed price;

determine a purchase price; and

round the purchase price based on the rounding codes.

17. (Previously amended) The apparatus of claim 16, in which the processor is further operative with the program to:

add at least one of the fixed prices to the purchase price, thereby generating an augmented purchase price; and

round the augmented purchase price based on a rounding multiple.

18. (Previously amended) The apparatus of claim 16, in which the processor is further operative with the program to:

round the purchase price based on a rounding multiple, thereby generating an augmented purchase price; and

add at least one of the fixed prices to the augmented purchase price.

19. (Previously amended) The apparatus of claim 16, in which the processor is further operative with the program to:

select a rounding code, thereby defining a selected rounding code and a set of unselected rounding codes.

20. (Previously amended) The apparatus of claim 19, in which the processor is further operative with the program to:

add the fixed price of each unselected rounding code to the purchase price, thereby generating an augmented purchase price; and

round the augmented purchase price based on the rounding multiple of the selected rounding code.

21. (Previously amended) The apparatus of claim 19, in which the processor is further operative with the program to:

round the purchase price based on the rounding multiple of the selected rounding code, thereby generating an augmented price; and

add the fixed price of each unselected rounding code to the augmented price.

22. (Previously amended) The apparatus of claim 19, in which the processor is further operative with the program to:

select a rounding code having a rounding multiple that is not greater than the rounding multiple of each unselected rounding code.

23. (Previously amended) The apparatus of claim 19, in which the processor is further operative with the program to:

select a rounding code having a minimal rounding multiple.

24. (Previously amended) The apparatus of claim 16, in which the fixed price and the rounding multiple of each rounding code are equal.

25. (Previously amended) A method comprising:

determining a purchase price for a purchase including at least one item;

receiving a rounding code from a first item not included in the purchase;

determining a rounding multiple corresponding to the rounding code;

rounding the purchase price based on the rounding multiple; and

allowing an exchange of the at least one item and the first item for the rounded purchase price.

26. (Previously amended) A method comprising:

- determining a purchase price for a purchase including at least one item;
- receiving a rounding code from a first item not included in the purchase;
- determining a rounding multiple corresponding to the rounding code;
- rounding the purchase price based on the rounding multiple; and
- receiving the rounded purchase price in exchange for the at least one item and the first item.

27. (Previously amended) A method comprising:

- determining a purchase price for a purchase including at least one item;
- receiving a rounding code from a first item not included in the purchase;
- selecting a rounding multiple from a plurality of rounding multiples based on the received rounding code;
- rounding the purchase price based on the selected rounding multiple; and
- receiving the rounded purchase price in exchange for the at least one item and the first item.

28. (Original) A method comprising:
- receiving a signal indicative of at least one item from a customer;
 - determining a price for the at least one item;
 - receiving a signal indicative of a scanned bar code on a first item not included in the at least one item;
 - selecting an integer from a plurality of integers based on the scanned bar code, in which at least one of the plurality of integers is "1";
 - determining a rounded price based on the price and the selected integer, in which the rounded price is a lowest multiple of the selected integer that is greater than the price;
 - setting the rounded price as required payment for the at least one item and the first item; and
 - registering the rounded price as being paid for by the customer.

29. (Original) A method comprising:
- receiving at least one item from a customer;
 - receiving a first item from a customer, in which the first item is not included in the at least one item;
 - determining a price for the at least one item;
 - determining a rounding multiple based on the first item;
 - determining a rounded price based on the price and the rounding multiple, in which the rounded price is a lowest multiple of the selected integer that is greater than the price;
 - charging the customer the rounded price for the at least one item and the first item; and
 - receiving payment of the rounded price from the customer.

30. (Original) A method comprising:
- receiving at least one item from a customer;
 - receiving a first item from a customer, in which the first item is not included in the at least one item;
 - determining a price for the at least one item;
 - scanning a bar code on the first item;
 - selecting an integer from a plurality of integers based on the scanned bar code, in which at least one of the plurality of integers is "1";
 - determining a rounded price based on the price and the selected integer, in which the rounded price is a lowest multiple of the selected integer that is greater than the price;
 - charging the customer the rounded price for the at least one item and the first item; and
 - receiving payment of the rounded price from the customer.

31. (Original) A method comprising:

receiving a plurality of items from a customer, each item having a bar code;

scanning the bar code on each of the plurality of items;

selecting an integer from a plurality of integers based on one of the scanned bar codes;

determining a price of a subset of the plurality of items, the subset not including the item corresponding to the one of the scanned bar codes;

determining a rounded price based on the price and the selected integer, in which the rounded price is a lowest multiple of the selected integer that is greater than the price;

charging the customer the rounded price for the plurality of items; and

receiving payment of the rounded price from the customer.